

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Uncompahgre Field Office
2465 South Townsend Avenue
Montrose, CO 81401**

Decision Record

DOI-BLM-CO-S050-2012-0029 EA

DECISION: It is my decision to implement the Programmatic Integrated Weed Management Plan as described in the Proposed Action of EA # DOI-BLM-S050-2012-0029. Management practices and design features will be followed. Required (SOPs) are in Appendix A of the EA, and Appendix C has required Conservation Measures for Listed, Proposed or Candidate Threatened or Endangered Species. Best Management Practices (BMPs) in Appendix B are tools to use as needed.

MITIGATION MEASURES: The design features, Standard Operating Procedures and Conservation Measures serve as mitigation. No other mitigation measures are needed.

MONITORING: Weed treatments will be mapped using GPS; information about the treatment will be gathered simultaneously and stored in GIS. Photo points will also be established within substantial patches of hard-to-control noxious weeds. Photo points will be taken on a one to two year cycle to note the condition of the noxious weed infestation. Monitoring data will be housed in the GIS geo-database along with other weed data.

RATIONALE: Implementing the proposed action will reduce the adverse impacts associated with increasing levels of noxious and invasive weeds in the Uncompahgre Field Office (UFO). The proposed action will provide a range or combination of treatment options available for eradicating or controlling noxious and other invasive weed species.

COMPLIANCE WITH MAJOR LAWS: The decision is in compliance with applicable laws, regulations and policy, including the Endangered Species Act; Migratory Bird Treaty Act; Clean Water Act; Clean Air Act; National Historic Preservation Act; Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 as amended; Colorado Noxious Weed ACT; Executive Order 13112, Invasive Species, 1999; Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Act of 2004; Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICAN IMPACT:

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was prepared, based on the information contained in the EA and my consideration of criteria for significance (40 CFR 1508.27). It is my determination that: 1) the implementation of the proposed action will not have significant environmental impacts; 2) the Proposed Action is in conformance with the Uncompahgre Basin,

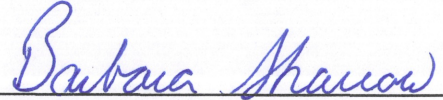
San Juan/San Miguel, and the Gunnison Gorge NCA Resource Management Plans; and 3) the Proposed Action does not constitute a major federal action having significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary.

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DATE 8-14-2013

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL



Barbara Sharrow
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DATE SIGNED 8-20-13